

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., January 21, 1899.

To the


Anglo Californian Bank, Ltd.,

San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 13th instant is at hand, and I note what you say of delays occurring in the delivery of silver from the Mint at Philadelphia to J. & W. Seligman & Co., New York. Also as to the importance to you of deliveries of bars of the fineness not exceeding 998. After a visit to the Mint, I feel justified in assuring you that no unnecessary delays will occur in the future and that hereafter in all probability we will be able to deliver bars not to exceed 998 fine. These bars have been stored in small vaults stacked to the ceiling and it has seemed impracticable to sort them over to find those of lower fineness, but as we are now moving them to new vaults, we will select and leave out a large number for the special purpose of making these exchanges with you. We expect to have no difficulty in finding enough to meet the requirements.

Yours very truly,


Director of the Mint.